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Ἡ τῶν λόγων κρίσις πολλῆς ἐστι πείρας τελευταῖον ἐπιγέννημα.

CRITICKS and criticiſm having been much talked of in former, as well as in later ages: it is neceſſary therefore to diſtinguiſh the true Critick from the falſe, and the ancient original art from the modern ridiculous pretences to it. —— *A Critick is a true judge of what is really commendable and graceful in writing; nor can be impoſed on by the falſe and glaring colours of a Pretender, but will as neceſſarily ſee the natural and genuine, as the falſe or ſurreptitious.* This was the characteriſtick of the *Stagyrite* himſelf; and even HOMER underwent his corrections for his ſcholar's uſe. Whoever looks into PLATO's *Phædrus* will ſee a piece of LYSIAS, the orator, criticis'd on in form. Of this ſtamp were the DIONYSIUS's; from one of whom the Motto of this Paper is taken, and plainly ſhews what accuracy of thought and judgment, confirmed by long experience, is requiſite to form ſuch a judge as we require. Such were CICERO and HORACE, who had too ſevere an eye, not to apply this to their own works.

From theſe ſo juſtly admired Authors let us turn to others, with whom the generality of our readers are better acquainted. Theſe Authors, having a natural dread of criticiſm, generally place in the front of their Works a *Dedication* to his Lordſhip; and *tho' indeed his Lordſhip is unknown, yet his Lordſhip's patronage will be a ſecurity from a ſeverer eye, &c.* then a *Preface.* —— From reading which, one would imagine, that ſome conſpiracy or conjuration was formed againſt our generous Author; ſo many cringes and fawnings to the reader, ſo many *avaunt-Satans* to the Criticks! —— what is this but to miſtruſt one's own cauſe? Would a RAPHAEL be better pleaſed with that indifference of the publick, which ſhould ſuffer his work to paſs *uncriticiſed*, than with the nice view and inſpection of an accurate examiner? Or would not a CORELLI appeal to the critical, the nice ear? 'Tis the ſame in regard to all other arts and ſciences, whether of an inferior or ſuperior degree. Truth appears at advantage from a ſtricter enquiry, and is never more injured, or in greater danger of being ſtifled, than by the over-fondneſs of ſome nurſing-fathers and nurſing-mothers.

However commendable then Criticiſm itſelf may be, yet the bare appearance however muſt be ridiculous. Imagine then a Head laborioufly ſkilled in Prefaces, ſtuff'd with common place, and muddled with Index-hunting; add hereunto a diligent ſearch after the miſtakes and over-ſights of Authors, and a pleaſure ariſing more from ſuch blemiſhes found out, than any beauties and graces in writing. Who will admire at ſuch imaginations, thus poſſeſſed with the defects of other writings, if whatever is diſagreeable ſhould neceſſarily flow into them. Criticiſm on Authors is certainly commendable; ARISTOTLE, ARISTARCHUS, DIDYMUS, &c. were Criticks on HOMER: but when we ſee no true criticiſm, but a mean appearance of it, when falſe editions are conſulted, and blunders of tranſcribers ſtuff'd into volumes to fill their ſize, ſhall we admire ſuch Authors diligence, or ridicule their judgment?

We will ſuppoſe MILTON ſome old Author, various MSS. extant, and many editions; from which collated together, I intend to publiſh a new one. Firſt then, according to cuſtom, I ſeek for the worſt editions, becauſe my notes will hereby be more numerous, and my triumphs over ſome harmleſs miſtakes more frequent. Thus then I turn Author.

Of Man's firſt diſobedience, and the fruit
Of that forbidden tree, whoſe mortal taſte
Brought death into the world, and all our woe,
With loſs of Eden, 'till one greater man
Reſtore us, and regain the bliſsful ſeat,
Sing heavenly Muſe! that on the ſecret top
Of Oreb, &c.

Of Man's firſt diſobedience.] 'Tis remarkable that the variety of readings ſhould be ſo frequent in this 1ſt verſe. Some MSS. read — *Of Woman's diſobedience, &c.* However MILTON, as well as VIRGIL, is reputed a Woman-hater, yet I can't think he would begin his book with a ſentence ſo very diſagreeable to the fair Sex. Beſides what follows in the 4th verſe, — *Greater Man*, by way of contraſt, ſhews the reading I have exhibited to be true. Other MSS. read — *Firſt of Man's diſobedience:* but the recital is anſwer ſufficient.

And] See the ignorance of Tranſcribers and Editors! I have ſeen it written &, which is properly put for *et*, but I have reſtored the genuine ſcripture.

——— ——— *And the fruit*
Of that forbidden tree, whoſe mortal taſte

How could I expoſe here Authors of no inferior rank! but this is not my temper. To leave ſuch faults in the very beginning of their work; who ever heard *of the taſte of a tree*, as we muſt neceſſarily underſtand it, unleſs we correct the text: beſides, in our Bibles 'tis called *the forbidden tree*; and, indeed, I have ſo much ingenuity left to own, that hence I had a hint for my emendation. Correct it then boldly thus at my peril.

——— — *and that fruit*
Of the forbidden tree, whoſe mortal taſte, &c.

Thus all is plain, *that fruit, whoſe taſte*, not *that tree, whoſe taſte*. I don't doubt but the learned will applaud this correction.

Brought death into the world, &c.] In an old MS. I collated, 'twas written *death*, which plainly ſhows by the chaſm, ſome letter has been ſcratched out. I preſently knew 'twas *death*, which is, indeed, the true reading, and alludes to God's curſing the ground, and making it barren, to which MILTON refers in other parts of his Poem.

And all our woe.] In Q. V. C. we read, *and all its woe*, i. e. the world's woe: but ſuch is my modeſty, that I affirm nothing as to its being genuine.

Reſtore us, and regain the &c.] I correct, and boldly ſtand by the correction of this paſſage: Read *Reſtor'd us, and regain'd.* 'Twas in the old MS. thus, *reſtored us and regained*; but the tranſcriber meaſuring the verſe on his fingers, and finding it too long, very wiſely paſſed his correction on us for the Author's own reading. I think I may juſtly aſſert, that I have *reſtored* and *regained* the original text.

Sing] In V. MS. *Say heaven'ly Muſe!* but the Poet, I believe, had his eye on HOMER, who ſays ἄειδε θεά.

On the ſecret top.] Who ever heard of a *ſecret top* of a mountain expoſed to ſight? But if there is ſome ſecret meaning in it, 'tis ſo far-fetched as no good writer would be guilty of ſuch a fault. An obvious emendation rectifies all; — *the* ſacred top*, which I aſſert to be the genuine reading. —— I ſhall end theſe remarks with deſiring ſome one to let me know the meaning of a paſſage in Book ix. v. 396, where Eve is likened to *Pomona*,

or to Ceres in her Prime,
Yet Virgin of Proſerpina from Jove. S.

Mr. BUDGELL's Anſwer to a Letter ſigned WM. PIERS, publiſhed laſt thurſday in the Daily Courant.

To Mr. BAVIUS.

SIR,

I Intreat you to lay before the Publick the following *Reply* to a *Letter* publiſhed laſt thurſday in the *Daily Courant.*

In my † Anſwer to the firſt Letter ſigned WM. PIERS, which appeared in the News-papers, I affirm'd, that I long ſince offered every thing a Man could offer who loved *Peace*, and would avoid thoſe *oppreſſive* and *vexatious ſuits* which have been carried on againſt me in this Gentleman's *name.* I publickly offered him once more to refer the diſpute between us to ſome learned and indifferent Counſel, and conjured him to accept of ſo *fair* a propoſal.

Mr. PIERS (or he that writes for him) in his *long Reply* to me, which fills three whole Columns in the *Daily Courant*, ſays *nothing* to all this: He neither gives the leaſt reaſon why he will not comply with my honeſt propoſal, nor vouchſafes to take any manner of notice of it. His moſt *remarkable ſilence* on this head, muſt ſurely give all all obſerving Readers a full notion of the *complexion* of his cauſe.

Something he was obliged to ſay; let us ſee what he does ſay.

Having obſerved in the firſt paragraph of his letter, that *I will not ſuffer him to conceal from the world the badneſs of my nature*; he immediately proceeds in the following words.

'In the ſtate of his Caſe (to which he refers his readers) Mr. Budgell has been pleaſed to aſſert, that I am 'not the youngeſt ſon living of Mr. *Jo. Piers*, deceaſed, 'late of *Denton* in *Oxfordſhire*; tho' it is a *notorious* '*fact*, that I have been ſo more than thirty years before 'our controverſy commenc'd. I beg leave to aſk, in 'this place, *What kind of infatuation muſt poſſeſs the* '*Man who could hope to reap* advantage *from ſuch a* fal'ſity, *in which he was ſure to be eaſily detected?*

I am ſorry, heartily ſorry, to tell a Gentleman in *holy orders*, that the very *firſt fact* he affirms in his Letter, the *fact* of which he aſſures his Readers, and argues upon in ſo *ſolemn* a manner, is a moſt *notorious*, a moſt *flagrant falſhood.* I do no where aſſert in the *State of my Caſe*, that Mr. WM. PIERS *is not the youngeſt ſon living of his deceaſed father, Mr. Jo. Piers*, or any thing like it. On the contrary, I always did, and ſtill do, moſt readily grant that he is ſo. I am content that my whole credit with my Readers ſhall ſtand or fall upon this ſingle point. Either Mr. PIERS or I do certainly aſſert a moſt *ſhameful falſhood:* and which of us does ſo, every Man in England may be ſatisfied, who will but give himſelf the trouble to read over the ſhort, but moſt remarkable State of my Caſe, in the *Appendix* to my *Letter to the King of Sparta.* Does Mr. PIERS (or Mr. WALSINGHAM, who may poſſibly write for him) call this obſerving that *ſimplicity of truth* which he promiſes to uſe in his *firſt Letter?* Have I not a right to turn his own words upon him, viz. *What kind of infatuation muſt poſſeſs the Man, who could hope to reap* advantage *from ſuch a* falſity *in which he was ſure to be eaſily detected?*

The Reverend Mr. WM. PIERS pretends, that he appears in print to juſtify his *character* and *reputation.* In my Anſwer to his Letter, ſpeaking of thoſe tricks by which he has got into the poſſeſſion of two of my eſtates, I uſe the following moſt remarkable words.

'I would however humbly deſire him to remember, 'that people have got into the poſſeſſion of eſtates, which 'they have afterwards been obliged to give up again. I 'have heard of a pair of honeſt Brothers (and, I am ſor'ry to ſay, one of them was a Clergy man) who had a 'mind to take their Mother's jointure from her. In or'der to this, they put themſelves in mourning; went 'down to the tenant; aſſured him their ancient Mother 'was dead and buried; took poſſeſſion of the eſtate, and 'ſigned a leaſe to the tenant, in their own names: the 'conſequence of this was, that their poor old Mother 'muſt actually have ſtarved, if ſhe had not made a ſhift 'to prove ſhe was not dead; and if her ſon, by a ſecond 'huſband, had not aſſiſted her to recover her eſtate out of 'their hands. However monſtrous, however incredible 'this ſtory may appear, yet, I fancy, if I am put upon 'the proof of it, I can prove it beyond all contradiction.

In the preceding paragraph I ſtrongly intimate, that a *certain Clergyman* had been guilty of an action which none can hear without the utmoſt horror. How many wretches do almoſt daily ſuffer an ignominious death for a leſs crime! What *innocent Man*, who was defending his *character*, would not have aſked, *How does this horrid paragraph relate to me?* Mr. PIERS, in his *long* Epiſtle, does not once touch upon it; but preſerves a moſt *profound* and *amazing ſilence* on *this* head. I enter upon it with great reluctance, when I conſider the *character* this Gentleman is veſted with; but ſince I have not time to detect all thoſe mean *falſhoods* I find him capable of aſſerting, I muſt humbly intreat him to give a *plain* and *direct* anſwer to the following Queries. When he anſwers theſe Queries, I believe the publick will ſoon be convinced whereabout *juſtice* lies; and whether they ought to credit Mr. PIERS, or me, whenever we differ about *matters of fact.*

Query 1ſt. If Mr. PIERS only relies on the *juſtice* of his Cauſe, and not on *ſome things* which I dare not *name*, why will he not ſubmit the diſpute between us to be determined by ſome eminent and indifferent Counſel learned in the law?

2d. Was not the eſtate in diſpute between us his Mother's *jointure?* and did not he and his eldeſt Brother, John PIERS of Denton, go down to the tenant, by name ROBERT PAZEY, and aſſure him their Mother was *dead*, tho' ſhe was really *living?*

3d. Did they not actually *take poſſeſſion* of the eſtate, and perſwade the tenant to accept of a *leaſe* from them, which they *both* ſigned?

4th. Why did Mr. WM. PIERS perſuade his *eldeſt Bro*

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* This emendation is in a letter from DR. BENTLEY, to Mr. BAVIUS, printed in our *Journal*, Numb. the ſixth, in which, and in Numbers the xiith and xxvth, there are ſeveral other ingenious emendations of this Author.

† *Both the* Letter *and* Anſwer *are in Numb.* 76.

er, from whom I purchaſed, to ſign a *leaſe* to the tenant, if he thought his ſaid Brother had no *right* to the eſtate?

5th. Muſt not his *old Mother*, a very *good Woman*, have wanted *bread*, if her *Son*, by her *ſecond Husband*, the Reverend Mr. CADE, a worthy Clergyman, *ſtill living*, had not taken care of her, and forced the two Mr. PIERS's to *reſtore* her *eſtate*?

6th. Can Mr. PIERS poſſibly except to Mr. CADE's evidence, in relation to the ſeveral *matters* contained in the *four laſt Queries*?

I think I never ſaw Mr. CADE above twice or thrice in my life; but, I am aſſured, he has the *character* of a moſt *worthy*, *honeſt*, *plain* Man, who edified his pariſhioners more by the *filial love* and *reſpect* he ſhewed to his mother, than many a Clergyman does by an hundred *Sermons*. All who know him are fully ſatisfied that nothing but the *force of Truth* could oblige him to aſſert *facts* ſo much to the diſgrace of his *Brother*, and a *Man* of his own *Order*.

If Mr. PIERS will vouchſafe to anſwer the ſeveral Queries above, I am ſure the world will ſoon have a proper notion both of *him*, and the *motives* he acts upon; and that I need not detect all the *falſhoods* advanced in his letter. Can any man of common ſenſe believe what he endeavours to prove? namely, that *I purchaſed the reverſion of his brother's eſtate without paying a ſingle penny for it*? When his brother had ſhewn me his *unhappy* circumſtances, and begged me for above a twelve-month together to buy the reverſion of his eſtate, I paid him 800 *l.* for it at one time, as may appear by the Purchaſe deeds; I likewiſe forgave him ſeveral ſums of money I lent him before in his neceſſities; and reckoned him nothing for all the pains and ſeveral long journeys I was obliged to take in order to ſettle his affairs: I may ſafely affirm, and he himſelf has owned in *twenty Letters*, that I preſerved him from *utter ruin*. How I have been requited by this *honeſt pair of brothers*, by what *perſons*, and with what *views* they have been ſupported and encouraged to multiply and carry on Law-ſuits againſt me is pretty notorious to a great many people, and what I ſhall not now enter into. I believe the purchaſe has proved to me the *deareſt purchaſe* that any one man in England ever made of ſo ſmall an eſtate.

I will not trouble the reader with detecting at large a mean *falſhood* in that part of Mr. PIERS's letter, where he mentions the Maſter and Society of St. John's College. This learned Society has no manner of intereſt in the diſpute between me and Mr. PIERS. It was not their *buſineſs* to *declare to me by themſelves or their Counſel that my title was good*; neither do I *any where* aſſert that they did. They admitted me their tenant, which is no more than they were in *juſtice* obliged to do: but I muſt acknowledge I was received and treated in ſo *genteel* a manner by the chief members of this learned Society, that I ſhall think my ſelf obliged to ſerve their College if ever it happens to lie in my way. I might very well tell them, *I had purchaſed a Law ſuit*.

I muſt make a ſhort remark on the language with which Mr. PIERS (or his Secretary) has treated me. The ſeveral Epithets of baſe, vile, inſolent, &c. which he ſo freely confers upon me, ſeldom become the pen of a Gentleman, much leſs that amiable humility which always appears in a good Clergyman.

There are likewiſe particular reaſons why thoſe words are not quite ſo decent from Mr. PIERS to me. His Wife was my Aunt's ſervant many years, and lived in my father's family. The money ſhe got in her ſervice, with a generous legacy her miſtreſs left her, did, I am told, ſerve to pay off ſome of Mr. PIERS moſt troubleſome debts. In conſideration of her being a ſervant in our family, I ſold her an Annuity on my eſtate for two years purchaſe leſs than ſhe muſt have given another man. I ſhould ſcorn to mention theſe particulars, if Mr. PIERS and his lady did not ſhew me they had quite forgot them; and if they had not been drawn from me by ſuch epithets as baſe, vile, an inſolent.

I have done with Mr. PIERS, but muſt ſay a word or two to thoſe who *aſſiſt* him, and *ſneak* behind his *name*. I cannot take it amiſs that I am uſed in the ſame manner with a Gentleman whoſe *abilities* and *fortune* are ſo vaſtly ſuperior to my own; I mean Mr. Fu[illegible]y. This Gentleman had as *fair* a reputation as moſt men in England; but he no ſooner attempted to do his poor Country a moſt *neceſſary* and *important* piece of ſervice, than in order to *divert* him from it, his *private character* was attacked with the utmoſt *malice*. The beſt of it is, the whole world ſees through theſe *plots*. I do aſſure the *King of Sparta* they ſhall never ſucceed on me; and that, though I may make a *ſmall excurſion* on my *own* account, it ſhall never *divert* me from doing what I hope may be for the *good of my Country in general*.

I am, SIR,

your moſt humble ſervant.

July the 26th, 1731. **E. BUDGELL.**

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant*. | E P. *Evening Poſt*.
P. *Poſt-Boy*. | S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt*.
D P. *Daily Poſt*. | WE. *Whitehall Evening P.*
D J. *Daily Journal*. | LE. *London Evening Poſt*.

THURSDAY, *July* 22.

The terrible fire which happened on monday afternoon on the river, begun from a pot of turpentine in a boat belonging to the Harbin, which boiling over, fired her, and from her the fire ſpread to the Charming Mary, &c. *EP. SJ. WE.*

By letters from Holland we are informed, that Dr. Boreave had received letters from the Ruſſian Court, deſiring him to ſend thither 2 Phyſicians educated under his care; and her Czarian Majeſty will pay 100 rubles, which is 240 guilders at Amſterdam, for the expence of the voyage, and a ſettled ſalary of 600 rubles a year, and at the expiration of 5 years to have, if deſired, a free egreſs out of the Ruſſian Empire; with 100 rubles to defray the expence of the voyage back. The 2 Gentlemen to be ſubject only to the Czarina's power, and freely to enjoy all advantages of practice. Mr. Hen. Smith, a Gentleman of Ireland, and Author of ſeveral poetical pieces is one of the Gentlemen recommended. *EP. SJ.*

Laſt tueſday his Grace the D. of Devonſhire, L. Privy Seal, ſat at Whitehall, on an affair between the R. Hon. E. of Oxford, and the R. Hon. L. Craven, relating to the new market by Cavendiſh-ſquare; and decided it in favour of the E. of Oxford. *P.* — The E. of Warwick and Holland has entered upon the manor of Choſeley, and the farm thereunto belonging, worth about 800 l. per ann. near Wallingford in Berks. *DP.*

Yeſterday Mr. Franklin, taken into cuſtody on tueſday by 3 Meſſengers, was carried to Hampton court, in order to be examined by his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle. *P.* — The Pamphlet called, *An Anſwer to one Part of a late infamous Libel*, &c. for which Mr. Franklin was taken into cuſtody, hath, as we hear, been referred to the conſideration of a Committee of Council. *SJ. LE.*

Laſt night when the Company of Comedians at the Theatre in the Hay-market was going to perform the Fall of Mortimer, the High Conſtable, &c. came with a warrant to ſeize Mr. Mullet, who play'd the part of Mortimer, and the reſt of the Performers; but they all made their eſcapes. *DJ.*

On ſunday a ſtripling of about 13 or 14 years of age, Apprentice to an Apothecary in Leadenhall ſtreet, and a woman about 30, ſaid to be a woman of the Town, went to be married in the Fleet. The firſt Clergyman they went to, refuſ'd; but going to another, not altogether ſo ſcrupulous, got their buſineſs done, and were married. *SJ. WE.* — *It is my opinion, that if their* buſineſs *had been* done *firſt, they would never have been* married.

The deſign of a Royal Progreſs to York being now laid aſide, 'tis certain that the Court will go to Windſor-Caſtle for the hunting ſeaſon. *LE.*

One day laſt week, as an Apothecary's ſervant at Cambridge was diſtilling ſome ſpirituous liquor, it took fire, and the young man was very much burnt; and endeavouring to get through a window, when his head was through, he cry'd out Fire; upon which, a great dog running from over the way, tore him in ſuch a manner that he inſtantly dy'd. *LE.*

On tueſday evening dy'd at her houſe in Gerard-ſtreet, the Lady Baltimore, Mother to the preſent L. Baltimore, and Siſter to the E. of Litchfield. *C. P.*

FRIDAY, *July* 23.

Money is ordered to be iſſued out from the Pay-office at the Horſe-guards on monday the 26th inſt. for 31 days, ending Aug. 24 next, for his Majeſty's forces. *P.*

Yeſterday morning about 2, a fire broke out in an empty houſe in Flower de-luce Court in Tooley ſtreet, Southwark, which was ſoon extinguiſhed. It was kindled by ſome Incendiary, who got into a room up 2 pair of ſtairs, and laid a great heap of chips, &c. in order to accompliſh the intended villany. A woman was ſeen to go croſs the room with a candle. About a month ago, a fire broke out in the very ſame houſe; and yeſterday morning about 7, ſome body wrote over the porch with chalk, *I will come again*. *DP.*

The ſame day, the Maſter of the Rolls committed a Clergyman to the Fleet, for marrying a young Gentleman, about 17, at Eaton ſchool, and intitled to 1500 l. per ann. to a ſervant maid; and at the ſame time committed the perſon who gave her in marriage. His Honour ſome days ſince had ſent priſoner to the Fleet the perſon who pretended to be the youth's Guardian, and had given a bond to indemnify the Parſon. *DJ.* — *By carrying on the trade of* marrying *in the* Fleet, *this* Clergyman, *I ſuppoſe, will turn his* puniſhment *into* preferment.

And. Searle, Eſq; a Barriſter of the Middle Temple, was married a few days ſince to Mrs. Anne Beadell, with whom he had 10,000 l. fortune. *DP.*

Yeſterday died at Stratford, Mr. Edw. Salwey, an ancient, eminent, and wealthy Turkey Merchant, &c. *DJ.* He is ſaid to have died worth 150,000 l. the bulk of which falls to his ſon, one of the Directors of the South-Sea Company. *C.*

SATURDAY, *July* 24.

We hear the Biſhop, Dean, and Chapter of Worceſter, have agreed to give to the ſufferers at Blandford and Tiverton 100 l. which laudable example, 'tis hoped, will be followed by other Biſhops and dignified Clergy throughout the kingdom. *DP.* — That the generous contributions raiſed in this City [London] and other places, for the ſufferers at Blandford, Tiverton, and Ramſey, may be diſtributed with impartiality; it is the deſire of ſeveral Gentlemen, who have promoted this good work, that the contributions ſhould be all collected into one ſum, and paid into the Bank, or ſuch other hands as ſhall be thought fit; that an eſtimate be made of the loſs at each place, and the general ſtock divided in proportion to ſuch loſs; and that a particular eſtimate be made of every perſon's loſs, and a dividend of ſo much *per cent.* or in the pound, be made to each ſufferer. *P.*

On tueſday Miſs Worſley, Niece to the Lady Scawen, being out on Banſtead Downs in an open Chaiſe, having a footman on horſeback following, was attack'd by one Highwayman, who ſhew'd his piſtol after the uſual greeting: the footman was diſabled by the fright, but the young Lady ſtruck at him with her whip ſeveral times, and company coming up, he thought fit to march off without any booty. *DP.*

On thurſday was the annual Election at Bridewell, of the Preſident, Treaſurer, Auditor General, Chaplain, Clerk, Stewards, Porters, &c. of Bridewell and Bethlehem Hoſpitals which were confirmed for another year. Afterwards Mr. Hen. Rogers received his charge as Governor, but did not entertain any of his brethren, who were nobly entertain'd at the expence of the Stewards, &c. *DP.*

We hear orders have been ſent to Portſmouth for ſheathing and fitting out 3 ſmall ſhips of war; deſigned for his Majeſty's ſervice in the Spaniſh Weſt Indies. *C.* — A ſmall ſquadron will ſoon be ſent to the Weſt-Indies, under the command of Admiral Cavendiſh. *SJ. LE.* — On friday the 16th, the fleet under Sir Cha. Wager was ſeen to the weſtward of Scilly. *P.* — Laſt thurſday night Mr. Franklin was admitted to bail. *P.*

Yeſterday in the afternoon the great Sewer that was built laſt year from Cleveland Court, S. James's, to Scotland-yard, broke in near the Cocoa-Tree in Pall-Mall: a coach belonging to Sir Jer. Sambroke narrowly eſcaped falling into the chaſm. *DP.* The ground fell in above 6 foot, and took in the hind wheels intirely, but without any damage to the Ladies, and tho' all the glaſſes were up, none were broke. *C.* The horſes falling in with the ground, the 2 fore wheels alſo fell in; the coach was drawn out by ſome cart-horſes, with only breaking one of the ſide glaſſes. *P.* — The inhabitants of Pall-Mall, &c. refuſing to pay their aſſeſſments for the new Sewer, ſeveral law-ſuits are likely to commence. *SJ. LE.*

Yeſterday morning a powder-mill at Maidſtone in Kent blew up, by which ſad accident 2 men and a child were killed; a paper-mill and a houſe adjoining were deſtroy'd, and the tyling and windows of ſeveral houſes very much ſhatter'd, as were the windows of the Church that ſtood a great way diſtant. *DP.* — This day Tho. Williams of Cheſſea, Eſq; was married to Miſs Davis, a young Lady of 7000 l. fortune *WE.* — The Rev. Mr. Davis, of Kent, was married a few days ſince to Miſs Bold, a Lady of that County, of 7000 l. fortune. *LE.*

Alderman Barber is talk'd of to ſucceed Sir Walt. Yonge, Bar. as one of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms; *his ſervices* at the late election for *Sheriffs* having render'd him worthy of ſo conſiderable a Poſt. *LE.*

Yeſterday morning died at his houſe in Eaſt-ſtreet, near Red Lion ſquare, Sir Will. Barker, Knight of the Shire for the County of Suffolk. *DJ.* He is ſucceeded by his Son Sir John Barker, Bar. *DP.* — On thurſday died Mr. Chriſt. Bateman, formerly an eminent bookſeller in Paternoſter row. *DP.*

MONDAY, *July* 26.

Hampton Court, July 23. On wedneſday Mr. Bawdry, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, arrived from Vienna, with a Treaty ſigned the 22d inſt. N.S. by the Miniſters of the Emperor, Great Britan, and Spain, for the execution of the engagements in favour of Don Carlos. *C.*

On ſaturday evening the R. Hon. Sir Rob. Walpole arrived in Town from his ſeat in Norfolk; and yeſterday morning ſet out for Hampton Court, to aſſiſt at a general Council held yeſterday. *C. P.* To wait on their Majeſties. *DJ.* — Yeſterday there was a Cabinet Council at Hampton-Court, on the preſent poſture of affairs. *P.* — Mr. Franklin ſtill continues in cuſtody at Hampton-Court, under the care of a Meſſenger. *C.* Laſt night Mr. Franklin was admitted to bail. *P.* 27. Being bound in a recognizance of 400 l. and his two Sureties in 200 l. each. *DJ.* 28.

On friday evening Mr. Jakeman, a Cabinet-maker, Mr. Stephens, a Scowrer in Fenchurch-ſtreet, and another perſon from Houndſditch, going into a boat from on board a ſhip, the boat over-ſet, and they and the watermen were all drowned. *D P.* Mr. Jakeman, a heavy man, getting into the boat a long-ſide the ſhip, came with ſuch force on the edge, that he overſet her. *C.*

The Sea nymph, Capt. Pritchard, returning lately from Barbadoes, about the latitude of 20, was attack'd by a French ſhip of 14 guns, which fired 2 ſhot at her, and made her hoiſt her boat out, and come to; and when ſome of her men went on board, they demanded money for the ſhot, and ſome proviſions, and kept the men 'till they received them, but refuſed to tell the name of the French ſhip. *D P.*

We hear there is now in bloſſom a very large Alloe at the L. Trevor's Garden at Peckham. *C.* —— We hear that on ſaturday laſt the R. Hon. L. Anne Hamilton was married to Miſs Edwards of Pall-Mall, a rich Heireſs. *P.*

TUESDAY, *July* 27.

On ſunday Sir Rob. Walpole came to his apartment in Hampton-Court; and on thurſday begins to open a publick table for the Nobility, Quality, and Foreign Miniſters. *D P.* — The Parliament prorogued to July 27, is farther progued to thurſday, Aug. 26. *D J.* —— Yeſterday the 8 malefactors were executed at Tyburn. *C.* &c.

The Goldſmith near Lincoln's-Inn-ſquare, who lately took up jewels to the amount of many 1000 l. to be ſhewn, as was pretended, to ſome Cuſtomers of great note, but afterwards carried them to Holland, hath, we hear, been ſtopt there, and the goods ſecured by the perſons that went in purſuit of him. — *This honeſt* Goldſmith *has worſe fortune than a late famous* South-Sea KNIGHT.

The Pamphlet lately publiſhed under the title of *The Lord Biſhop of London's Caveat againſt aſperſing Princes*, &c. is the ſubſtance of a Sermon preach'd by him when Rector of Lambeth, at the Aſſizes held at Croydon in Surrey in 1705. *D P.*

Yeſterday came on at Dulwich-Chapel the election of a Warden for God's Gift College. The Electors are the Church-wardens of S. Botolph Biſhopſgate, of S. Giles Cripplegate, and of S. Saviour's Southwark, and the Maſter and 4 Fellows of the College. There were 15 Candidates, which were reduced to 3 [2] when Capt. Rob. Allen had 8 votes, and Mr. Will. Allen of Holborn, Grocer, had 4, and were return'd to the box. The Capt. drew firſt, [a blank]; but Mr. Allen drew *God's* Gift; whereupon he was declared duly elected. *D J.*

Devreux Bacon, Eſq; lately appointed Surveyor Gen. of his Majeſty's dominions in North America, dy'd at ſea, on board the Suſannah, going to New England. *D P.*

We hear the Rev. Mr. Will. Bowman's ſermon, has given ſo great offence to the Clergy, that it's ſaid, he will be ſeverely handled at the meeting of the Convocation. *S J. L E.* —— *It is as truly ſaid*, he will be ſeverely handled *before, by ſome of our Society, employed by* Mr. Au—n; *who is app ehe ſive, that the* Vicar of Dewſbury's ſermon *will not otherwiſe have a run.*

This morning dy'd after a tedious indiſpoſition, the R. Hon. Jemima, Counteſs of Aſhburnham, &c. *L E.*

WEDNESDAY, *July* 28.

We hear that Sir Robert Baylis, Knt. and Alderman of Bread-ſtreet Ward, is appointed one of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, in the room of Sir Walter Yonge, Bart. deceaſed. *C.*

Yeſterday one Patrick Gill was committed to the Gate-houſe, Weſtminſter, by Juſtice De Veil, on the oaths of Joſeph Hardy and William Harris, for diſmembring Jonathan Wickſon, who is ſince dead. He was ſtrongly guarded, to protect him from the inſults of the populace, who were ſo outragious againſt him, that they threatned to tear him to pieces. *D P.* — Patrick *ſeems to deſerve to be thus* diſmembered.

Yeſterday morning died at Richmond, the Lady and relict of Sir John Houblon, Knt. who was Lord Mayor of the City of London in the year 1696. *Ibid.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Our tender compaſſion towards Gentlemen in confinement, who, as we are aſſured, cannot vent their complaints in any other News-Papers, has determined us to publiſh the following letter; tho' by ſo doing we are obliged to poſtpone the publication of ſeveral diverting pieces, which we have by us. But we muſt deſire theſe Gentlemen, for the future, to contract their complaints in a narrower compaſs, otherwiſe we cannot allow them room in our *Journal*.

SIR,

IN the *Daily Advertiſer* of this day is the following Paragraph.

'The Priſoners in the Fleet are now pretty quiet and 'eaſy; nor does it appear they had any occaſion for their 'late diſturbances. But ſome of them it ſeems were di'ſtracted with confinement, and mad for freedom, which 'not being able to obtain in a legal way, made them break 'into mutinies and rebellions againſt the Warden, who 'has the character of uſing his Priſoners with all the ci'vility and good uſage imaginable.

The perſon who ſent this, has a front of braſs, and is fit to plead any cauſe that is to be carried by aſſurance. Had the Warden treated his Priſoners with *civility and good Uſage*, they would, in all probability, always have been *quiet and eaſy*. When they with reiterated requeſts, earneſtly intreated him to come down to the Priſon, and hear their grievances in an amicable way, did he come down according to their deſire? Had he the good manners to take any notice of their petitionary letter? Or has any one perſon ſeen him in the Priſon theſe ten months paſt? If contrary to Act of Parliament, he has *let the Priſon out to farm*, probably he has no buſineſs here; and conſequently it was not his duty to come down on ſuch remonſtrances? But then it had been kind, and at leaſt *civil* of him, to have told them, to whom they ought make application for certain redreſs. But if this be not the caſe; if the Warden be himſelf the Warden, let any unprejudic'd reaſonable man judge, whether his conduct in that affair be conſiſtent with *civility and good uſage?* And yet this is the man, this is he, mark him well, *who* (as it is advertis'd) *has the Character of uſing his Priſoners with all the civility and good uſage imaginable!* Whether the Priſoners had any occaſion for their late complaints and reſentments will in due time appear in the promis'd Pamphlet, mention'd in your 77th *Journal*, entituled, *A full State of the Differences between the Warden and the Gentlemen confin'd in the Fleet-Priſon*, which is intended to be publiſh'd againſt the next Seſſion of Parliament, together with the Caſes of every particular injured perſon, and juſt remarks on every individual affidavit made againſt them. —— As to that aſperſion, which charges theſe ſuffering Gentlemen with being *diſtracted and mad*, they regard it with the ſame ſcorn and contempt as they do its Author; whoſe brain, I fear, is turn'd at the ſight of thoſe truths divulg'd in my Letter, which you was ſo good to inſert in your laſt week's Paper. I am very certain, I know him well, and cannot help pitying his error in thinking that ſuch a Paragraph, written with an air of triumph over the unhappy, can have any weight with compaſſionate minds, or be of any force towards affecting the judgment of men of ſenſe. Theſe will ever agree with the SPECTATOR, who ſays, 'I ſee men flouriſhing in Courts, and languiſh'ing in goals, without being prejudic'd from their circum'ſtances to their favour or diſadvantage; but from their 'inward manner of bearing their condition, often pity 'the proſperous, and admire the unhappy.

I am, Sir, your moſt oblig'd humble ſervant,

Fleet-priſon, July 27, 1731. J. W.

P. S. The Gentlemen lock'd down on the common ſide of the *Fleet Priſon*, gratefully acknowledge the receipt of five Guineas from an unknown hand; which was expended yeſterday, according to the DONOR's direction, in an elegant dinner and a regale of wine and punch, which cheared up their ſpirits, while they frequently circulated the glaſs to the health and proſperity of the FOUNDER OF THE FEAST.

Mr. CONUNDRUM preſented a Letter which he had written to ULRICK D'YPRES, Eſq; in anſwer to ſeveral things advanced by him in a Letter printed in the *Daily Courant* of Tueſday; and particularly to the aſperſions therein caſt upon our *Journal*, as being levelled againſt the preſent Miniſtry: but it being too long to inſert in the *Journal* of this week, it was ordered to be deferred 'till the next.

EPIGRAM.

In durance vile while pious WOOLSTON lies,
And Death waits near to cloſe learn'd TINDAL's eyes;
The Prieſt's hard fortune, and the Layman's fate,
Seem to preſage Religion's ruin'd ſtate.
But thou, O BOWMAN, wilt the loſs ſupply
Of both; and whilſt thou liv'ſt, ſhe cannot dye.
To thy due ſtation may'ſt thou riſe much quicker,
And ceaſe to *be* OF DEWSBURY THE VICAR.

Dublin, July 17. A curious piece of antiquity has been diſcover'd here, being an iron ſtatute about 2 foot high, of the great Bryen Boiroimhe, ſole Monarch of Ireland, who died by a wound he receiv'd in his laſt conqueſt of the Danes at the battle of Clontarf, in 1027. It was found by breaking up ſome ancient vaults in Dame's-ſtreet, formerly the ground of a great Abbey, and was known by its having a globe, ſcepter, armour, and royal mantle, but more particularly by its elevation on the bodies of 2 enraged wolves, a device peculiar to that great man. *C. P. D P.* 24. It is now placed for ſhew in the delightful grotto, or ſhell-houſe of Mr. Turney in Trinity lane; a piece of work of ſuch labour and coſt as is never to be too much admired by perſons who have any taſte of ingenuity and induſtry. *C. P.* —— A ſharper [miſcreant. *P.*] who lately came from England, and went under the name of Sidney, giving out that he was nephew to a noble Engliſh Peer, who, he ſaid, would ſoon arrive, has contracted ſeveral debts for apparel, &c. to a conſiderable value. A Fellow who acted as his ſervant here, but was Maſter in their paſſage from England, was taken up, and is now in Newgate. *C. P. D P. Like Maſter, like Man. As this is called here an* Iriſh trick, *it is called there, I ſuppoſe, an* Engliſh *one; and it ſeems done by way of reprizal.*

Dublin. July 17. 'Tis reported, that the R. Hon. Sir Guſtavus Hume, Bar. died laſt week at his ſeat in Fermannagh. —— This day Walt. Devan, a boy between 17 and 18, was found guilty of a rape on the body of Marg. Lindſay, a child of 9 years old. The fact was committed June 28. and diſcovered the 4th inſtant; from which time, 'tis ſaid, he had carnal knowledge of her three ſeveral times. *C.* &c. 27. —— *According to the* Engliſh *conſtruction, this muſt needs be falſe; according to the* Iriſh, *it may be true.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *July* 22.

Rome, June 20. N. S. Card. Coſcia has printed a Treatiſe, in which, inſtead of defending himſelf, he lays about him like a madman with invectives againſt our Court, and, like a Cataline, dies fighting in the midſt of his enemies. —— It is looked upon here, as a pretext to delay the coming of the new French Ambaſſador, that the Court of France deſires the renewal of an ancient ceremony, that the Pope's Miniſter ſhall meet the French Ambaſſador upon his landing at Civitavecchia. *P.*

Stockholm, July 11. They write from Waſa, that a peaſant in that neighbourhood died lately aged 20 years and 14 days, who, about a fortnight before his death, walked to Church about a league from his own cottage. *D P.*

Petersburg, June 28. No leſs than 1000 ſhips laden with merchandiſe have arrived here from Moſcow, and other places of the Empire, by the canal de Ladoga, ſince Ap. 30. *D P.*

Laſt night arrived the Mail from France.

Paris, July 28. One day laſt week a wild boar purſu'd by dogs in the foreſt of Fontainbleau, attack'd a man and his ſon. The ſon threw himſelf into a pond; whither the boar followed him, and ript up his belly. Then he return'd to the father, who lay all along upon his face, and wounded him in ſeveral places. They were both carry'd to the Hoſpital at Fontainb'eau. *E P. W E.*

FRIDAY, *July* 22.

Hague, July 24. N. S. Private letters from Vienna inſinuate, that Count d'Arco, Miniſter of the Elector of Bavaria, had declared to thoſe of his Imperial Majeſty, that the term of the engagement, by which he was obliged to keep a body of his forces in readineſs for the Emperor's ſervice, being expired, he reſolved to keep his troops for his own uſe. It was lately written from Strasburgh, that a Commiſſary from that Elector had received there 600,000 livres from the Court of France, under the notion of arrears due to the late Elector. *P.*

Paris, July 28. The Archbiſhop of Paris has publiſhed a Mandate, forbidding the praying to the late M. L'Abbe Paris, as a Saint. He died in 1727, and crowds ſwarm daily about the Church of S. Medardus, where he is buried, upon a report that his body works miracles, which ſhocks very much the zealots here, becauſe it ſeems he died an Appellant. *D P.* —— *July* 25. The Girl that had a ſore leg, ſhew'd her ſound leg to the Surgeon, who had forgot which leg was ſore; and ſo made him vouch a miracle, you may be ſure, with all the confidence imaginable: but he look'd very blank when his miſtake was diſcover'd. *P.* 27.

SATURDAY, *July* 24.

Rome, June 30. N. S. The Dutcheſs of Parma has tranſmitted to Rome 12,000 crowns worth of jewels, and 5000 crowns in ſpecie, the uſual tribute for thoſe States, paid every year, on the Eve of S. Peter. Among the jewels, there is one diamond, which weighs 14 grains, valued at 8000 crowns. *P.*

Yeſterday arrived the Mails from Holland *and* Flanders.

Extract of a letter from Santa Cruz in Barbary, dated May 20. *N. S.* The calamities of this Country increaſe daily: they are ſo great, that they make us forget the miſeries we underwent in the tyrannical reign of the late Emperor. Three Princes, ſons of Muley Iſhmael, diſpute the poſſeſſion of the throne with Muley Abdallah, chiefly on account of the inſolence and cruelties of the Negroes [Blacks. *C.*] who have embraced his intereſt. Since the Governor of the kingdom of Fez ſet out for Mequinez, with a great number of Arabs, to recognize Muley Abdallah, that Prince is marched from thence to Morocco. *C. D J.*

Seville, July 6. They continue here the preparations for tranſporting 6000 Spaniards. They are equipping likewiſe 20 or 24 men of war with all diligence, to join the Engliſh. *D J. C. D P.* —— The pregnancy of the Dutcheſs Dowager of Parma is looked upon here like a paradox; and the Marq. de la Paz has written a circular letter to

eign Ministers residing in this Court, wherein he [illegible] in the name of the King his Master, against [illegible]

Edinburgh, July 27. The King of Sweden set out from [illegible] the 16th, to embark at Ysted, and being not [illegible] by reason of contrary winds, to reach Straalsond, landed the 23d at Warnemund near Rostock. *D J. C. D P.*

MONDAY, *July* 26.

Hague, July 27 N. S. We know for certain, that not only the garrison of Dunkirk has been considerably augmented, but several small corps of Horse and Dragoons have been made to file off to the places in that neighbourhood; and that Engineers are frequently exercising their talents both at Dunkirk and Mardyk; which renders it more and more suspected, that France designs to repair the fortifications and harbour of Dunkirk, and also the sluices of Mardyke. *P.*

Paris, July 27. Letters from Fontainbleau tells us a strange story; that a man being with his wife and son in the quadrangle before the Castle, the woman's head was struck off by lightning, and never seen afterwards; and the father and son received no hurt. *P.*

Yesterday arrived the Mail from France.

Rome, July 13. N. S. A Courier from France on the 11th, brought the news, that the most Christian King had forbid all commerce with the Country of Avignon, on account of an Ordinance publish'd in the Ecclesiastical State, prohibiting the importation of French cloth; which, we hear, will be followed by another to forbid the entrance of English cloth. *C.* &c.

Hamburgh, July 24. The arrival of a Russian squadron at Kiel in Holstein is confirmed, with 2000 men on board; and a report runs, that they are to be reinforced by some frigates already sailed from Riga. *D J. D P.*

TUESDAY, *July* 27.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Flanders.

Amsterdam, July 31. We learn from Brussels, that the D. of Lorrain, who departed thence on the 23d, to visit Namure, and other principal Towns of the Austrian Netherlands, intends to return thither before Aug. 18. *D P.* —— Letters from Turin mention an Edict lately published there, prohibiting all Archbishops, Bishops, &c. from receiving any Bulls or Briefs from the Court of Rome. *D P. C.*

Late last night arrived the Mail from Holland.

Vienna, July 21. They talk here of a new Treaty on foot, if not already concluded, between the Emperor, Spain, and Great Britain, by way of confirmation of former Treaties. *D P.*

WEDNESDAY, *July* 28.

Amsterdam, Aug. 3. N. S. They write from Rostock, that the King of Sweden arrived there July 26, and set out next day for Cassel. *D J. C.*

Bologna, July 17. Twelve doors, and all the Chimneys of the Palace of Parma are already wall'd up against the Dutchess-Dowager's lying in, to prevent all suspicion about the birth of the Prince or Princess she goes with. *P.* —— *This is good precaution against a* Warming-pan Plot.

Genoa, July 14. 'Tis confirmed, that the forts erected before Gibraltar will be mounted with 230 pieces of cannon, and 88 culverines; and that 'tis supposed the British shipping must be inevitably exposed to them, or quit the bay; yet no umbrage is taken on that score. *D P.*

BOOKS and PAMPHLETS published since our last.

23. The present State of Europe, for June.

The Traditions of the Clergy destructive of religion: a visitation Sermon at Wakefield, June 25, by WILL. BOWMAN, A. M. Vicar of Dewsbury.

24. An Answer to one part of an infamous Libel, reflecting on Capt. Vinegar, and the late worthy Jonathan Wilde, &c. by Hercules Vinegar of Hockley in the hole, Esq; Price 6 d.

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26. Historia Literaria, No. 11. Vol. II. P. 5. Pr. 1 s.

27. A Sermon preached to the Societies for Reformation of manners, June 28. By Jos. Burroughs.

An impartial Review of the Controversy concerning the comparative excellence, &c. of moral and positive duties, &c Pr. 1 s. 6 d.

28. The Ordinary of Newgate's Account of the behaviour and dying words of the Malefactors executed last monday. Pr. 3 d.

A Sermon upon reading the Act against profane swearing, &c. July 4. by WILL. READING, M. A.

On Tuesday Stocks were

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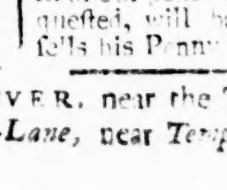

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